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Subject: FW: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Larry:

See below our response to the highlighted questions. Thanks.
Denisse

In their April 2016 permit renewal application, Chemours disclosed that they ceased the production of ammonium perfluorooctanoate (APFO) which is the ammonium salt of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) at the Fayetteville Works facility in April 2013. Since they ceased operations during the middle of the permit term, NC did not reopen the permit to adjust the monitoring requirements for this constituent. The monthly sampling of PFOA in the current permit is appropriate as this is the frequency the permittee is required to conduct whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing to determine whether the effluent is toxic in the environment. If a WET test results indicate a positive hit, then the state can evaluate the concentrations of toxic pollutants in the effluent, such as PFOA, and conclude on the source of the toxicity.

From: Diaz, Denisse
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>
Cc: Davis, Molly <Davis.Molly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Larry-we are drafting a response. Hopefully will get to you tomorrow. I hope that's OK.

From: Lincoln, Larry
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Diaz, Denisse <Diaz.Denisse@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Denisse,

HQ received a media inquiry regarding the Chemours permit regarding PFOA in 2005. Can you take a look at the highlighted section below and give me a regional perspective?

Thanks,

Larry

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From: Drinkard, Andrea

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:16 PM

To: Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

I agree that this will be more a state thing. But I'll check, back to you ASAP.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Adding Andrea from OW (permitting is more in their lane than ours) and Linda for her awareness. My understanding is that this is a state permit, so they would have direct oversight of that—that said, Larry's folks oversee the NC permitting program.

Thanks,
John

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Could we address the highlighted issue easily? Thanks ng

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From: Jones, Enesta

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:45 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: NANCY/AMY: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

No response.

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“The root of all joy is gratefulness.”

From: Wissbaum, Brandon [<mailto:bwissbaum@wect.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

No additional information related to the investigation? Does that include my question about Chemours being permitted to discharge PFOA?

From: Jones, Enesta [<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Wissbaum, Brandon <bwissbaum@wect.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Hi Brandon,

Please attribute to an EPA spokesperson:

We have no additional information to share at this time.

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From: Wissbaum, Brandon [<mailto:bwissbaum@wect.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Before 5pm today if possible.

From: Jones, Enesta [<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>]
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To: Wissbaum, Brandon <bwissbaum@wect.com>

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Subject: Re: WECT inquiry/Chemours Company

Hi Brandon,

What's your firm deadline?

Enesta Jones

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On Jul 6, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Wissbaum, Brandon <bwissbaum@wect.com> wrote:

Good morning Enesta,

Reaching out in reference to The Chemours Company's – Fayetteville Works NPDES permit (permit NC0003573). It's my understanding that on Chemours' previous permit they were permitted to discharge PFOA at Outfall 002, provided they take monthly samples.

There might be a simple answer to this question, but why was Chemours permitted to discharge PFOA when DuPont in 2005 agreed to phase the chemical out? I've heard concerns that monthly samples are not frequent enough for PFOA, as the company could discharge more amounts of the chemical for three weeks, then shut down production prior to the sample being taken? Can you speak to why the company is only required to do monthly sampling?

Also, I know you previously said the EPA is investigating Chemours' compliance with a 2009 consent order issued under the TSCA for the production of GenX – are Chemours' permits a part of that investigation? Are there any updates you can provide on the investigation?

Appreciate any help/insight you can provide.

Best,

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